

## NUNDU NEWS November 19, 2025

### GIVING THANKS

We are nearing the end of the year and are full of gratitude. Thanksgiving! We are thankful that Eastern Congo has been able to endure the most recent phase of the war, coming through a period of fear and uncertainty. God has protected our medical work at Nundu and healthcare ministries in neighboring villages. Our medical ministry has continued in the face of difficult financial realities. We have lost funding from the World Bank dating back to December 2024. Interruption of USAID funding has compromised the supply chain for pharmaceuticals and medical supplies. Yet, we give thanks to the Lord as your gifts have enabled us to procure essential medications and supplies from a small commercial pharmacy in Uvira.

### SURGERY MISSION BRINGS HOPE

Medical services provided at Nundu Deaconess Hospital have continued despite ongoing conflict in South Kivu. A dedicated surgery team organized by Dr Mike McGee, including Dr JD Parker, urologist, and Dr. ByaMungu Pahari, arrived at Nundu July 17. Their dedication had an immediate impact, bringing a sense of hope and encouragement. For the three weeks that they were at Nundu they were busy presenting devotionals at the morning chapel, performing surgeries during the day, and consulting with patients in the evening. The word of their presence got out so that during the last week more patients presented themselves than could be served. Dr. McGee plans to return in February 2026 with another team.



Dr. McGee's courage and faith made this mission happen. The surgical team together with Dr. ByaMungu Pahari transformed the hospital into a hub of activity, with a level of energy and engagement not seen in recent times.

### NUNDU SCHOOL OF NURSING REMAINS IN SESSION

In February when rebel forces were staged to advance south to Nundu, students were sent away to their home villages because of concern for their safety. In March, after it was determined that the war was not likely to have a direct impact on Nundu, students returned to the Nundu campus. Even as fighting continued in the north, national final exams were conducted at Nundu for nursing and midwife students in our region. Twenty students from the Nundu School of Nursing passed this national exam. Of these, 11 were midwife students and 9 were general nursing students. These new graduates will serve at Nundu Deaconess Hospital and in the health centers in our health zone. The new academic year opened on schedule in September, with 145 students enrolled.



Nundu School of Nursing students beginning their day as they line up to enter their classrooms.



## SCHOOL OF NURSING BUILDING PROJECT RESUMES

The recent war resulted in the fall of Goma, the provincial capital of North Kivu, in January and then Bukavu, the provincial capital of South Kivu. In February construction halted, but now, with relative calm and ability to operate in our immediate area, the team has resumed this vitally important building project.



The first phase has been completed with site preparation and making of bricks. We are now entering into the second phase with the digging of footings, followed by laying of the foundations. This building project is headed up by Paul Ikocho.

Rev. Dromadaire leads in the laying of the first foundation stone and a prayer of dedication. This project, made possible by a partnership with the Butterfield Memorial Foundation and a private donor, will provide a modern and well-equipped midwifery training facility for the Nundu School of nursing.



## JALI AFYA LAUNCHED - A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

During this period of war, Dr Marx continues to have a vision for “Healthcare that Transforms.” *Jali Afya*, a Swahili term for “Care for Health”, describes the healthcare provided at Nundu Deaconess Hospital and the various health centers supported by the hospital. *Jali Afya* is being developed as a stand-alone organization which will address the community health needs of South Kivu and support the medical work of the Free Methodist Church DR Congo.

The strength of this program is that it is not limited to hospitals but is carried into the villages through health centers and thereby empowers communities. The Gould Family Foundation is funding a Mentoring Nurses program, focusing on health centers. *Jali Afya* will be partnering with other foundations, building capacity and sustainability.

## THANKSGIVING

We are giving thanks for ...

- The Lord's protection. You have prayed and a plan for peace is now unfolding.
- The Lord's provision as you have given generously, making possible the purchase of medications and subsidizing staff salaries.
- The response of Dr. McGee to the Lord's call, giving a sense of hope at this critical time.
- A staff who have stewarded the Nundu School of Nursing with wisdom and courage.
- A visionary leader who has a vision for "Healthcare that Transforms."



Dr. McGee and student in surgery at Nundu.

## HOPE AND A FUTURE

What does the future look like? We have been informed that the World Bank program will be discontinued permanently in December. The possibility of reopening the USAID program is uncertain. To reestablish our limited pharmacy stock, we are reaching out to humanitarian agencies with which we might partner. Pray that we might be successful in developing a viable and sustainable partnership.

Even as the Nundu Deaconess Hospital and Nundu School of Nursing need our support, other opportunities have been brought to our attention, including two neighboring hospitals which serve populations in need. Pray that we will have wisdom as we endeavor to build partnerships which will encourage and support these healthcare ministries.

Please consider asking others to check out our website [www.congohealth.org](http://www.congohealth.org) as you consider your own year-end contributions. Join us in thanking the Lord for his provision and in prayer for enduring peace.

You can give to Nundu Deaconess Hospital and the Nundu School of Nursing projects through our website [www.congohealth.org](http://www.congohealth.org). Projects include:

- Pharmaceuticals and supplies
- Hospital Equipment
- The cost of patient care for those who are unable to pay.
- Nutrition supplements
- Staff Salaries
- Nundu School of Nursing Scholarships

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